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BOOKS

Sokol, Anthony E. *Sea Power in the Nuclear Age*. Washington: Public Affairs Press, 1961. 268 p.

In the author's words, "This book has a triple purpose: first, to determine the nature and meaning of sea power; second, to indicate the impact of the nuclear age upon it; and third, to show how sea power can help the United States cope with present world problems." The first and second are accomplished to an admirable degree, while the third suffers somewhat from the author's civilian status and a lack of intimate familiarity with current military planning and hardware.

McInnis, Edgar, et al. *The Shaping of Postwar Germany*. New York: Praeger. 1960. 195 p.

This book details the progress of Germany since World War II, outlines the present status of that divided country (including the peculiar position of Berlin) and makes a few forecasts of possible future actions, discussing the significance of Germany from the points of view of both the Soviet Union and the West, and particularly noting the factors operating in Germany and the world as a whole which act to increase Germany's independent ability to influence her own future, as well as that of Europe and the two contending power centers.

Ansel, Walter. *Hitler Confronts England*. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1960. 348 p.

Admiral Ansel presents an excellent analytic treatise on the much-discussed "Operation Sea Lion." In this analysis of the preparations and planning for "Operation Sea Lion," he skillfully dissects and lays bare the many faults of and contradictions within the highly vaunted German General Staff, and reveals the

interservice animosities. The most valuable parts of the book to a military or naval officer are his objective analyses of "Operation Sea Lion" as an amphibious undertaking, and the decision-making processes involved.

Gottlieb, Manuel. *The German Peace Settlement and the Berlin Crisis*. New York: Paine-Whitman, 1960. 275 p.

This book offers a close-up view at the only extended example of East-West efforts at condominium. Devoid of chronology, it is sometimes difficult reading; but on the whole it is an excellent insight into the basic issues involved in the evolution of the current Berlin and German problem.

Barnett, Correlli. *The Desert Generals*. London: William Kimber, 1960. 320 p.

This is an intimate account of the British commanders (O'Connor, Cunningham, Ritchie, Auchinleck and Montgomery) who fought off Rommel's Afrika Korps with one hand and Prime Minister Churchill's intervention with the other. The facts of the political versus military goals are as interesting as the bitter lessons which the Germans taught the British about modern tank warfare.

Carter, Gwendolen M. *Independence for Africa*. New York, Praeger, 1960. 172 p.

In the words of the author, Gwendolen M. Carter, "This book is written for her students and for others who wish a brief introduction to an area of increasing importance to the Western World." Just published, the book provides a good background for better understanding of the events now unfolding in Africa. Kenya, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Rhodesia, South Africa, the Belgian Congo, the French Congo, Angola, the Ivory Coast, Guinea, Ghana and Nigeria are covered